

VA TO OPEN NEW MEDICAL FACILITIES

The VA Healthcare System is in the process of building new Out Patient Clinics and Health Care Centers all over the State of North Carolina. By doing so, this will provide easier access to care for Veterans.

There will be a new Health Care Center opening in Fayetteville in 2016. A Health Care Center is similar to a VA Medical Center but just bit smaller. The Fayetteville facility will be 259,000 square feet. The VA broke ground on this facility in August of 2013.

There will also be a Health Care Center in Kernersville. This facility will be around 280,000 square feet in size and is set to open in 2016. This will facility will work in conjunction with the VA Medical Center in Salisbury.

Charlotte will also have a Health Care Center that will open in the spring of 2016. This will be the largest of the facilities at 295,000 square feet.

The Health Care Centers will offer enhanced out patient care and specialty services.

Some of the services that will be provided by the Health Care Center's include:

- Audiology and Speech
- Cardiology
- C&P exams
- Dental
- Dialysis
- Education and Research
- GI Clinic/ Digestive Disease



- Home Based Primary Care
- Lab and Pathology
- Mental Health
- Neurology – EEG – EMG
- Pharmacy
- Physical Medicine and Rehab
- Podiatry
- Primary Care
- Prosthetics
- Pulmonary
- Radiology
- Dermatology
- Women's Health
- Rheumatology
- Oncology

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VAMC ASHEVILLE (OTEEN) DO YOU REMEMBER?

In 1918, the Oteen Hospital was opened. It was originally opened as a TB hospital, during World War I. In 1922, it was turned over to the Veterans Administration. By the 1950's it had grown to the center for treatment for tuberculosis, reaching 1200 in patients.

The Guard House at this time was staffed to check everyone who entered the property. Anyone younger than 16 years of age was told that they would have to go across the street and wait for family.

The name Oteen is a Native Cherokee word meaning "Chief Aim". The Chief Aim for the VAMC Asheville is to give all who served a new chance for health and success in life.

The VAMC Asheville is growing each year with the additions and renovations that are happening. The Medical Center has two Community Based Out Patient Clinics: Franklin and Rutherford. They also have a state of art Community Living Center, which offers extended rehabilitation.

They have recently opened 12 new specialty clinics that include dermatology, anticoagulation, nephrology, foot clinic, wound clinic, anemia, infectious disease, neurology, rheumatology, gastroenterology, endocrinology and teaching clinics. These clinics are expected to see between 1200 and 2000 patients per week. They include a total of 35 treatment rooms and provide more space to see patients.





Old Soldiers Reunion August 2014

- **Sunday, August 17:**
Cruisin and Car Show
- **Monday, August 18: Gospel
Music Night: 7:30 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, August 19: Beach
Music Night: 7:30 p.m.**
- **Wednesday: August 20:
Street Dance: 7:30 p.m.**
- **Thursday: August 21:
Reunion Day**
- **There will also be a 5K and
One Mile Fun Run and a
Bike Ride**

Reminder

- If you have ideas for a topic or something you would like to know more about to put in the newsletter please let me know. Email me at ctravis@catawbacountync.gov or call me 828-465-8255 and I will try and get it in the next newsletter.

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